

Application No.: 10/583,044
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 3 have been added. No new matter is introduced herein. Claims 1-3 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the suspension holder has an inner circumferential portion which is disposed on a top surface of the supporting section and that the inner circumferential portion is coupled via only an adhesive to the voice coil body. No new matter is introduced herein. Basis for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 15-28; page 5, lines 9-12; and Fig. 2 of the subject specification.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Proni (U.S. 6,088,466). It is respectfully submitted, however, that this claim is patentable over the cited art for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1, as amended, includes features neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited art, namely:

... a supporting section attached to the voice coil body ...

... the suspension holder has an inner circumferential portion which is disposed on a top surface of the supporting section and the inner circumferential portion is coupled via only an adhesive to the voice coil body (Emphasis Added)

Proni discloses, in Figs. 2a-2c, loudspeaker 20 including cone 24, spider 38, frame 22, voice coil former 43 and voice coil adapter ring 50. (Col. 6, line 66-Col. 7, line 17). Spider 38 and cone 24 are attached and adhered to ledge 58 of adapter ring 50. Adapter ring 50 is attached to an upper end of voice coil former 43 at upper collar 54. (Col. 8, lines 22-34).

Proni, however, does not disclose or suggest a suspension holder having an inner circumferential portion which is coupled via only an adhesive to a voice coil body, as required by claim 1 (emphasis added). Instead, Proni teaches that spider 38 is coupled to voice coil former 43 via voice coil adapter ring 50. Thus, Proni does not include all of the features of claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

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Claims 2 and 3 have been added. No new matter is introduced herein. Claims 2 and 3 are similar to previously presented claim 1 except that: a) claim 2 recites a cylindrical supporting section attached to the voice coil body and b) claim 3 recites that the inner circumferential portion of the suspension holder extends upwardly from the top surface of the supporting section. Support for claim 2 can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 14-15; page 6, lines 4-9; and Fig. 2 of the subject specification. Support for claim 3 can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 5-7 and Fig. 2 of the subject specification. Claims 2 and 3 include features neither disclosed nor suggested by Proni. Namely, a cylindrical supporting section attached to the voice coil body (claim 2) and that the inner circumferential portion of the suspension holder extending upwardly from the top surface of the supporting section (claim 3). Accordingly, allowance of claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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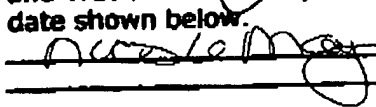
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